Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : ഇല്ല.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : അതു സി. ഐ. ഡി. വകുപ്പിന്റെ ജോലിനടത്തിപ്പിനു ഹാനികരമല്ലേ?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : അതുകൊണ്ടു ഹാനിയുണ്ടാകുന്നില്ല.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : സി. ഐ. ഡി. ക്കാർ രഹസ്യമായി സഞ്ചരിക്കേണ്ട ആളുകളല്ലേ?

Mr R. Pitchu Aiyangar : അതെ.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : രഹസ്യമായി സഞ്ചരിക്കേണ്ടയാളുകൾ ബസ്സുവാറണ്ടുംകൊണ്ടു ബസ്സിൽ സഞ്ചരിച്ചാൽ മറ്റു യാത്രക്കാർ അവരെ അറിയുകയില്ലേ?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : അറിയുകയില്ല.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam : രൊക്കം പണംകൊടുത്തു സഞ്ചരിച്ചാൽ അറിയുകയില്ല. ബസ്സുകാരോടു സി. ഐ. ഡി-യാണെന്നു പറയുന്നതുകൊണ്ടു മറ്റുയാത്രക്കാർ അവരെ അറിയാൻ സാധിക്കുകയില്ലേ?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : മെമ്പർ രൊക്കം അറിയാമെന്നുള്ളതുകൊണ്ട് എല്ലാവരും അറിയുമെന്നു വരുന്നില്ല.

Mr. M. N. Parameswaran Pillai : When the Commissioner of Police is answering all these questions in the negative, does he want us to disbelieve our own eyes?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : Certainly not ; what I want the honourable members to do is to bring such cases to my notice so that I can take action.

President : What the Commissioner of Police says is that, if there are such cases, they should be brought to his notice. I suppose, he will take the necessary action.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Who are the officers of the Police Department, entitled to exemption from payment of tolls ?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : The D. S. P,s. and A. S. P,s, who own cars when they travel on duty.

Testing of motor vehicles.

68 ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam :** Will the Government be pleased to state

(*a*) how and by whom the testing of motor vehicles is being conducted at present ;

(*b*) whether the motor buses and lorries now used are in proper working order ,

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[Mr. J. John Kattakayam.]

(*c*) whether the officers who test motor vehicles are used to receive treats from the owners of buses on such occasions;

(*d*) whether vehicles with no proper brakes are now being used for traffic;

(*e*) how long it is since the motor bus which succumbed to an accident at Kuzhithura had been tested; and

(*f*) whether the brakes of that motor bus were in proper condition?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: (*a*) Once every six months by Traffic Inspectors.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) The bus was last tested on 3-2-1936

(*f*) Yes.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ട്രാഫിക് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ അവരുടെ കടമ നിർവഹിക്കുന്നുണ്ട് എന്നു പറയുന്ന ട്രാഫിക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാർക്കു എൻജിനീയറിംഗ് സംബന്ധിച്ചു വല്ല പരിജ്ഞാനവുമുണ്ടോ?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: ഉണ്ട്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ട്രാഫിക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാരുടെ പരീക്ഷായോഗ്യതകൾ എന്തെല്ലാമാണ്?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: മെക്കാനിക്കൽ എൻജിനീയറിംഗ് ഇലക്ട്രിക്കൽ എൻജിനീയറിംഗ് പരീക്ഷകൾ പാസായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ട്രാഫിക് ഇൻസ്പെക്ടർമാർ അവരുടെ ജോലി ശരിയായിട്ടു നിർവഹിച്ചിരുന്നെങ്കിൽ ഇത്രയധികം ഓവർലോഡ് ഉണ്ടാകുമായിരുന്നോ?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: ഓവർലോഡു നിർമ്മൂലനം നിറുത്താൻ പ്രയാസമാണ്. ഓവർലോഡു കയറുന്നതിന് അവരുടേപേരിൽ കേസെടുത്തു ശിക്ഷിച്ചുവരുന്നുണ്ട്. ഓവർലോഡു കയറുന്നതു് കൺടക്ടരാണ്. അതിലേക്കു അയാളെ ശിക്ഷിക്കാൻമാത്രമേ ന്യായമുള്ളൂ.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: കീഴ്ദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ പണംവാങ്ങിക്കുന്നുണ്ടെന്നു കണ്ടാൽ അതു് മേലുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ അറിഞ്ഞില്ലെന്നു നടിക്കാറുണ്ടോ?

President: When you say that they are receiving bribes, you are making a statement; it is not a supplementary question.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഓവർലോഡു കയറിയിട്ടു് ചെക്കിംഗ് സ്റ്റേഷന്റെ അടുത്തുവച്ചു കുറേതലയുള്ള ആളുകളെ ഇറക്കിവിടുന്നതായി അറിയാമോ?

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President : You may ask the Commissioner whether he is aware that the officers are taking bribes ?

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : We are at question No. 68, Sir. Overloading is the subject of the next question.

President : Everything is embraced in the testing of motor vehicles.

Mr. S. Piraviperumal Pillai : Is the Commissioner of Police aware that in the case of most of these motor vehicles which are being tested, even the very next day after they have been tested, every part of such vehicles, except the horn, makes noise? (*Laughter.*)

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : I am not aware.

President : The Commissioner of Police may be given a ride in one of those vehicles. (*Laughter.*)

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I know whether there is any maximum period fixed for a bus to be used as a public conveyance ?

President : You are asking whether any life has been prescribed for these buses ?

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Yes, Sir.

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : We have not done it so far.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : May I ask whether, in British India and elsewhere, such period has not been fixed ?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : Lately, they have begun to do it. Personally, I am not in favour of it; but the question of trying it here, for some time, may be considered.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Has it been brought to the notice of the Commissioner of Police that buses stop on the way?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar : There are such instances. Buses do stop when they get into disorder. Of course they are set right as quickly as possible. Such things cannot be avoided. They are incidental to the use of the motor vehicles.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai : Has any action been taken on buses which do not reach the destination at the prescribed time ?

President : Look here, Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai. We have diverted considerably from the main subject of the question. The question relates to the testing of motor vehicles. All these questions that you have been asking do not therefore arise out of this question.

Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai : How many cases of mechanical break-down have been reported to the Commissioner of Police, during the last year ?

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Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: There have been such cases; but I cannot give the exact number now.

Overloading in motor buses.

69. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there are any instances of overloading in motor buses and motor boats; and

(*b*) whether the officers appointed to look into the matter pay due attention to it?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

Copyists in the Revenue Department.

70. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a few copyists in the Revenue Department were given other appointments taking into consideration their service as copyists;

(*b*) whether the men who are only piece-workers are compelled to do other works also in most of the Taluk Offices; and

(*c*) whether the case of these persons are ignored in the Public Service G. O.?

Mr. K. George: (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Yes.

Transfer of Police Officers from Shertallai.

71. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether many policemen were transferred from Shertallai as a result of the scandal connected with the case regarding counterfeit coins in that place?

Mr. R. Pitchu Aiyangar: No.

The Sri Chitra Readers.

72. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the *Sri Chitra Patavati* has been prescribed as a text-book for the first class from the beginning of this academic year;

(*b*) whether the price of that book has been printed therein;

(*c*) whether the authorities have instructed that in the taluks of Quilon and Kottarakara only the old "First Readers" should be used; and

(*d*) whether there are any special reasons for making an exception in the case of these two taluks alone?

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